

Horse Evaluation Career Development Event

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Purpose of Event

The ability to evaluate and rank horses on breed characteristics, confirmation, and performance is essential to success in the equine industry. FFA activities are an integral part of the instruction program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education. The Horse Evaluation Career Development Event stimulates the study of, and interest in, equine science selection, management and production through the agricultural education curriculum. This event also provides recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of instruction in equine science.

State Core Curriculum Content Standards

Through Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education, FFA helps students meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards. The Horse Evaluation Career Development Event teaches students about Language Arts Literacy and Visual and Performing Arts standards. Some examples of how the Horse Evaluation Career Development Event is meeting these standards are:

All students will access, view, evaluate, and respond to print, non-print, and electronic texts and resources.

- Comprehension and critical analysis skills of Agricultural Education students are developed through identification and evaluation of animals through media (slides, videos, and computer CD-ROM). [3.5 - Language Arts Literacy: Viewing and Media Literacy]

All students will develop, apply and reflect upon knowledge of the process of critique.

- Students apply the process of critique through the evaluation of animals. [1.4 Visual and Performing Arts: Critique]

All students will speak in clear, concise, organized language that varies in content and form for different audiences and purposes.

- Through agricultural education, students learn speaking skills as it relates to the evaluation of an animal. [3.3 Language Arts Literacy: Speaking]

Rules of Event

All Career Development Events will follow the general rules, which are published in the NJ State FFA Activity Guide (Form 7.000). This event will have three (3) phases: Phase I – Team Activity/Written Exam; Phase II – Judging Classes (4 halter classes and 1 performance class; non-reasons classes will be evaluated for 12 minutes and the reasons classes will be evaluated 15 minutes); Phase III – Oral Reasons. Student will stand when giving oral reasons. The number of classes is determined by the Delaware FFA Association, host of the event. Material will be distributed to teams prior to the event. A chapter may have a team of three (3) or four (4). The top three (3) scores are used in determining the team's rank. For more details on this event, [click here](#) to consult the [National FFA Career Development Handbook](#).

Scoring the New Jersey Event

(other scoring will occur on the national level)

Phase I – Team Activity/Written Exam - 50 points

Phase II - Judging Classes - 50 pts X 5 classes = 250 points

Phase III - Oral Reasons- 50 pts X 2 = 100 points

Team Total – 1100 points

Individual Total – 350 points

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Proficiency Award Areas
that correspond to the Horse Evaluation
Career Development Event!](#)